has received a proposal seeking financial assistance, under its plan scheme, for setting up of a Food Park at Kalamassery, District Emakulam, Kerala from Government of Kerala. The project is proposed to be implemented by Kerala Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (KINFRA), a statutory body of Government of Kerala. Assistance has been sought from Department of Food Processing Industries in the form of grant in aid. Details/clarifications relating to allotment of land, appraisal report from Bank/Financial Institution, Means of Finance etc. have been sought from Government of Kerala for processing the request for assistance.

**Revival of Public Sector Fertilizer Companies**

2768. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to revive some sick fertilizer companies in the public sector;

(b) if so, the names of such companies and since when these companies have been functioning in poor state of financial health;

(c) how far installation capacity of these companies has been utilized during the last three years; and

(d) the estimated amount required to revive these companies to their full production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. (HFC), Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. (FCI) and Projects and Development of India Ltd. (PDIL) were declared'sick by the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) in 1992 and Pyrites, Phosphates and Chemicals Ltd. (PPCL) in 2000. HFC, FCI and PDIL (except during 1995-96 to 1997-98 in the case of PDIL) have been incurring losses since 1978-79 whereas PPCL has been incurring losses since 1991-92. The rehabilitation/restructuring proposals of these four sick companies were considered by the competent authority in the Government on 31.5.2001 and a Group of Ministers (GOM) has been constituted to examine these proposals and submit its recommendations.

(c) The details of the capacity utilisation of these companies during the last three years is given below;

| SI. N | Name of the company | Capacity utilisation (%) 1998-99 | 1999-2000 | 200OO1 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | HFC-"N' (derated) | 2038 | 17.79 | 24.32 |
| 2. | FCI-"N' (derated) | 23.40 | 19.00 | 15.00 |
| 3. | PDIL-(catalyst) | 44.60 | 24.04 | 04.76 |
| 4. | PPCL-(SSP) | 34.71 | 3.86 | 0.27 |
| | (M-Phos) | 10.83 | 11.67 | — |

NOTE : "N' = Nitrogen nutrient; SSP = Single Super Phosphate

(d) The Financial implications on the revival of these four sick companies is dependent on the recommendations of the GOM and thereafter the decision of the competent authority in the Government and BIFR.

**Life saving-drugs under administered price control**

2769. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMARAGARWALLA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to put a number of life saving drugs under the administered pricing control regime; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Drugs and formulations based thereon are under price control in accordance with the criteria enunciated in the 'Modifications in Drug Policy, 1986' announced in September, 1994.

**Modernisation of fertilizer industry**

2770. PROF.M.SANKARALINGAM:
SHRIKA.RA.SUBBIAN:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking appropriate steps to upgrade and modernise fertilizer industry, to make it competitive and viable in the international market;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?